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Examiner:

For: DATA PROTECTING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND COMPUTER SYSTEM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

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SMALL ENTITY	
Rate	Additional Fee
x 9	\$
x 42	\$
+ 140	\$
Total	\$

OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
Rate	Additional Fee
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x 84	\$ 0
+ 280	\$ 0
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Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the application prior to examination, as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.